

# Help with Honey Bee Swarms

Honeybees usually swarm during warm months. Swarming is how they reproduce the colony and make more colonies in an area. First new queens are started. The old queen quits laying eggs and her abdomen gets smaller so she can fly. When the new queens are ready to emerge, the old queen takes part of the colony and flies away. The bees stay in a tight grouping as they fly. They will land on various places, including buildings, tree branches, and machinery, to rest and give the scout bees a chance to find a new home. As the bees are resting, some bees are continuously flying around, which can be quite frightening. Many beekeepers will remove swarms or assist in their control. Beekeepers on this list have agreed to be available for this service.

County	Name	Phone Number	City
Broadwater	Teresa Conner	406-202-4483	Townsend
Cascade	Martin Skierka	406-452-5476	Black Eagle
Cascade	John Barrow	406-264-5798	Great Falls
Cascade	Brian Rogers	406-781-6331	Great Falls
Cascade	Caryl Ward	406-452-6906	Great Falls
Daniels	James Rodenberg	406-653-2565	Wolf Point
Daniels	Jim Rodenberg	406-653-1488	Wolf Point
Fergus	Don Parsons	406-366-3216	Lewistown
Flathead	Ken Lambeth	406-849-5039	Big Arm
Flathead	Arvon & Helen Fielding	406-756-7511	Kalispell
Flathead	Thomas Lawrence	406-837-4545	Bigfork
Gallatin	Peter Wolfgram	406-580-4761	Belgrade
Lake	Ken Lambeth	406-250-8433	Big Arm
Lake	Bruce Basler	406-883-4848	Polson
Lewis and Clark	Jeff Gerth	406-431-1466	Helena
Lewis and Clark	Edward D Heinlein	406-461-8478	Helena
Lewis and Clark	Steve Platt	406-449-8245	Helena
Lewis and Clark	John Quintrell	406-458-1950	Helena
Lewis and Clark	Brent Sarchet	406-447-8350	Helena
Lincoln	Robert D McLaury	406-293-3022	Libby
McCone	James Rodenberg	406-653-2565	Wolf Point
McCone	Jim Rodenberg	406-653-1488	Wolf Point
Missoula	Jacob Wustner	406-370-9089	Stevensville
Ravalli	Jacob Wustner	406-370-9089	Stevensville
Ravalli	Dan Mayer	406-360-5435	Hamilton
Roosevelt	James Rodenberg	406-653-2565	Wolf Point
Sheridan	James Rodenberg	406-653-2565	Wolf Point
Sheridan	Jim Rodenberg	406-653-1488	Wolf Point
Stillwater	Patty Sundberg	406-322-5780	Columbus
Teton	Lloyd & Brenda Cuniff	406-466-5803	Choteau
Valley	James Rodenberg	406-653-2565	Wolf Point
Valley	Jim Rodenberg	406-653-1488	Wolf Point
Yellowstone	Mike Foster	406-850-3741	Billings